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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

serving the community since 1945

December 2004

The Marine Science Academy at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Our Club has been home to many, many championship sailors, world-cruisers, and high-profile sailing regattas. It is now home to an important initiative meant to show our youth why the Miami waterfront is so important to our city, and how they might even make a career from it. The months of planning and preparation have paid off as the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Miami-Dade County Public Schools partnership has come to fruition. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Marine Science Academy is now a reality.

So what is it?

The MSA is a program now being offered to Miami-Dade County public school students, with "first right of refusal" for class participation going to City of Miami students. The purpose of the program, is to prepare students for careers in the marine sciences, to provide students with environmental awareness, and to expose them to the sport of sailing, and how to navigate the waters themselves. Hands-on projects

and experiences connect with classroom sessions, to provide both the theory, and the reality - of how things work.

As you can see by the accompanying pictures, the program is underway. Both able-bodied and disabled children now have an equal opportunity to experience the beauty of our waterfront, first hand.



Dr. Jayne Greenberg, program founder and Miami-Dade public school representative to the Club on behalf of the program sums up the program with the motto: "our potential is endless, our classrooms are boundless".

The program has received support from City and County officials, including the office of our District 3 Commissioner, Johnny Winton. CGSC

Commodore Jack Hamm said "(this program is)...a true benefit to community...I am sure that all the members will take great pride in being part of such (a) great community service program..."

Along with staff from Miami-Dade County schools, our own Britt Price will oversee the class activities

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



I would like to take this opportunity wish the membership a happy holiday and a happy new year. This has been a great year for the Club and it has been a true honor to serve as your Commodore. The Bridge, the Board of Directors, and your Committee Chairpersons have been working hard to make a positive impact and, to their credit, they have made significant improvements this year. For example, new and exciting sailing programs have been introduced including the Marine Academy at Coconut Grove Sailing Club and other major capital improvements have been completed including the repair of the main dock and the replacement of dingy dock. Also during this year, we have improved services while experiencing a significant growth in our membership. In addition, we have sponsored some great events including Club dinners, rendezvous, and regattas. You can feel the positive energy at the club!

Our efforts to make a positive impact have been well recognized and appreciated by the community. For example, Johnny Winton recently stated that he likes what we are doing and is a strong supporter of the Club. Although at this point, he cannot commit that we will be in same location in the future as the club property is under consideration by the Master Plan (Please see the lease update article for additional information on this subject).

On a different subject, there are several recent Board of Directors decisions that I would like to bring to your attention. The first ruling deals with the mooring infractions that occurred during the past hurricane season. As you are aware, approximately 25% of the members opted not to relocate their boats in violation of the moorings agreement. This was a particularly disturbing issue for the Board of Directors to preside over as it was an irresponsible act that placed both the Club and the public at risk. I have received numerous letters from members who were very upset regarding this issue. We also had several members who acted responsibly but received significant damage to their vessels in doing so. However after two months of debate and legal counsel sought from three separate lawyers, it has been concluded that the current Moorings Agreement is not enforceable in it's current form. Recent Florida statute clearly prohibits any marina operation from forcing any owner to relocate after a hurricane watch or warning has been issued. Although our agreement specifically states that the moorings must be vacated prior to a watch or warning, we did not established clear criteria or an alert system that would withstand a legal challenge. For example, Coral Reef uses a 500 mile-radius criterion and a notification system that alerts members to relocate well in advance of a hurricane watch being issued. In response, our moorings agreement is under revision to ensure that in the future the regulations are clear and enforceable. The Club will not post names nor limit services as this falls under deformation of character. However that being said, I am requesting that the mooring violators volunteer at least 24hrs of service out of respect to the Club and the members who suffered damage by following our rules.

On a lighter note, the next Board of Directors decision is in regard to a new policy regarding pets on Club premises. The Board voted in favor to follow local park policies in allowing pets in outdoor areas including on the veranda. The basis for this ruling is that the club is located on park property

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and, as such, we have to be consistent with the rights provided to pet owners. However, it should be noted that the owners take full responsibility for their pet's actions and should be respectful of the rights of other members. On that subject, the pets must be leashed, friendly/tame, and not left unattended on club property. The Club management reserves the right to request any member to remove a pet if it is judged to be unruly or a nuisance. In addition, the owners must fully comply with all park policies including curbing their pets especially on our lawn area since kids and sailors frequently use that area.

The last Board ruling pertains to a 5-year plan for the club. The Board of Directors voted in favor to develop a 5-year plan that establishes a clear vision and strategy regarding the future of the club extending well beyond the bylaws. Administrative requirements of the 5-year plan will be incorporated into the Bylaws in a similar manner as the budget. That is, the Commodore will be required to submit a plan for Board approval and then gain General Membership approval during the Annual Meeting. The Bridge will then be required to follow that plan for the upcoming year. A draft plan has already been developed and will be submitted for approval during this month's Board and General Meetings. If you

would like to volunteer on the development of the 5-year plan, please contact me with your ideas.

Finally, it is with sadness that I must report that our honorable Treasurer, Jaime Ramon, has resigned from the Bridge for personal reasons. Jaime served the club well during his tenure and his high standards and integrity brought our accounting practices to a new level. Jaime was responsible for many improvements including accurate inventory systems and pricing structures based on actual cost of good sold (what a concept). I will miss him in this capacity as he had my full confidence in his ability to perform his duties. Please thank Jaime for his dedicated service and a job well done.

Jack Hamm, Commodore

In Memoriam

Life member George "Spike" Hennessy of Tamarac, FL passed away in October 2004. "Spike" joined the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in 1961. He had been ill for several years. We send our condolences to his wife Rita.

(cont. from 1-Marine Science...)

run through the Club. New equipment is being provided by the program, and the CGSC has already taken delivery on new Sunfish sails. "Access" dinghys, used to accommodate disabled sailors, have been ordered and are on the way. In the near future, the classroom environment will be enhanced with new equipment as well.

The Marine Science Academy has also piqued the attention of the media, as the kick-off ceremony was covered by local CBS-TV station WFOR during that night's 6PM newscast. The Miami Herald also featured a story on the program, as did "Southwinds" magazine. I would be remiss not pointing out that the CGSC's own Mike Lovelady contributed a terrific design for the MSA brochures. As with many previous success stories the Club has enjoyed - a true team effort.

Personally, I'm proud to be associated with this program, Dr. Greenberg and all the people who worked so hard getting it started. Thank you for your continuing efforts. The Marine Science



Academy at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is a program all CGSC members should be proud of.

Fair Winds,
Jim Clark
CGSC Rear Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The year is almost over and the club is in good shape. With the help of all the old and new members, the club has this vibrant feeling of better things to come. I want to thank all the volunteers and staff for your help.

We have a new dock master Ami Modlin, so welcome him to our club the next time you see him. A quick background on Ami: He comes to us from Israel where he was an officer in the navy, certified diver, captain, and he also owns a sail boat which is still in New York. Maybe one day she will feel the warm waters of Biscayne Bay under her keel.

The new dock is going through the final design changes to accommodate all the programs and should allow us to run these sailing programs for years to come. The launch

will be getting a new engine and the current launch engine will be placed on the inflatable. The inflatable engine has serious health issues, so a swap should make everyone happy. I want to thank Mr. R. Young for the precision German time piece that he has donated to the club and for the expert and time consuming installation on the second floor. Volunteers can really make a big difference, so do not be shy and volunteer.

So with the year ending on a good note, I wish everyone a happy holiday season and may the New Year bring peace to this world.

Vladimir Stroleny, Vice Commodore



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

As 2004 draws to a close, we as a Club have much to be thankful for - yet we have so much work to do. Our Club has made great strides in becoming active and relevant to the surrounding community. Our Social Membership program has been a success, bringing people who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to see first hand what our Club is about, now not only have a better understanding, but some are actually volunteering to help with Club events and activities - something I wish our regular members would become more involved in. More on this in a moment.

Our Sailing Programs have enjoyed some significant growth, on and off the water. The Green Fleet is back and progressing nicely. Britt Price & the coaches are doing a good job working with the kids. Plans are in place and progressing to grow the youth fleets, and we continue to improve the facilities and sailing equipment. We also now have a new Junior Racing Chair - Peter Skipp has agreed to step up and help out in this important position, and will work closely with Britt in providing guidance and encouragement to the children participating in CGSC racing programs.

Jose Hernandez has created a great Laser program at the Club, and it continues to grow month by month. He recently made a presentation to the CGSC Board of Directors, describing how the new CGSC Laser Racing Team would not only compete in regattas under the CSGC burgee, but would also offset the cost of rebuilding the boat racks on the southeast section of the Club property. Laser Team boats will be stored in these racks, as well as some of the others (including Sunfish, and the new Access dinghys, designed for disabled sailors).

We've also kicked off the Marine Science Academy at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and the students are enjoying the facilities, and the experience of the academy. The new Sunfish sails provided by MDCPS are in and in use, and we're expecting delivery of aforementioned Access dinghys shortly. In case you missed it, this month's feature (cover) story has all the details.

One area the CGSC Sailing Programs needed help with, was having procedures available in writing so Club members

and others can clearly see what's expected, and how to participate. These reference documents, forms, etc. can be accessed on the CGSC Yahoo! Groups website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CGSC/>. This effort will complement the CGSC Sailing Programs' 5 Year Plan, which is part of the CGSC overall 5 year plan.

Again, this is a work in progress, and you will soon be able to see the draft(s) on the Yahoo! site.

We continue to plan for some big events for the Club, including the Orange Bowl Regatta.

We're increasing the number of kids participating, and the number of programs available. Dick Crisler's adult programs continue to do well - and Dick was recently profiled for a national news program -NBC's "Today" show - in part for his work at the CGSC.

As great as our progress has been, we still have far to go in improving our sailing programs. The biggest improvement could be made by YOU. Regular Club members need to step up and become involved in our Club, and our Sailing Programs. There are no guarantees the Club will continue to exist in it's present form, and you CAN make a difference - right now. Call or write your Flag Officers, General Manager or Board of Directors to find out how you can participate. We know we have members with many different talents to offer, and we've never needed them more than right now. Even a little time, or a small gesture can make a big difference. Just look at what a difference so many of you made during our work weekend. Join the CGSC Yahoo! group, and you can participate anytime - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (especially when the weather isn't conducive to sailing!).

It's the season for giving - make a difference for your Club. Volunteer for the CGSC today.

Have a great holiday season. Let's hope the new year brings nothing but good tidings for the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Jim Clark, Rear Commodore



LEASE UPDATE

The City is pursuing two projects that both have the potential to impact the club in some form. The first is the Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan and the second is the City's Mooring Permit. Developments on each of these activities will be covered separately in this monthly report.

Master Plan Project

The Evaluation Committee for the Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan project met for the last time on October 21st to hear final oral presentation from the short list of bidders. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Evaluation Committee voted to recommend the following two vendors:

1st Choice, SASAKI Associates, Watertown MA.

2nd Choice, EDSA, Ft Lauderdale, FL

SASAKI appears to be an excellent first choice. Their team includes local landscape architect Aida Curtis and architect Bernard Zyscovich. Their work in other communities has produced exceptional results with extensive public input, and they have succeeded in locating significant funding for communities in need of help with building their waterfront projects.

EDSA appears more focused on their lawyer-partner Neisen Kasdin's experience in "dealing with deed restrictions" and his team's economic consultant's experience in pulling together deals to finance development through public-private partnerships. Public participation was not the primary focus of EDSA presentation, although they did indicate they would be proactive in seeking public input. This gave the impression that EDSA has more of an eye towards commercial development than SASAKI.

On November 18, the City Commission will decide to approve the ranking submitted by the Evaluation Committee. The City Manager, Joe Arriola, will then enter into negotiations based on the approved ranking. If an agreement cannot be reached with the top ranked firm, then the City will move the second choice. The value of the planning contract alone has been estimated at \$500K. The contract is expected to be let at the first of the year and planning process is expected to take an additional 15 to 18 months to complete.

As previously discussed, the planning process will involve heavy community input. Therefore, it is vital that our membership is well represented in the public workshops. In addition the Senior Contract Officer, Pamela Burns, indicated that the public may also participate in a steering committee role. We are hoping to have several active Club members participate in that committee. During the next year, it will be vital that the Club members remain engaged to ensure that a workable plan is reached which benefits all stakeholders.

Moorings Permit

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is the driving force behind the mooring project based on environmental concerns regarding the anchorage area and our mooring field. In order to ensure that the City is addressing these issues, it appears that DEP is leveraging the State's

original deed for Dinner Key submerged lands signed in 1941. During the last WAB meeting, Don Kiern of DEP went as far to indicate that State would revoke the deed if the City is not actively working towards resolution of the issues. The environmental concerns specially relating to sunken vessels has been a long standing issue and prompted the formation of the Technical Assistance Team (TAT). That team included members of the public and technical consultants from different marine disciplines. The TAT final report recommended the installation of a managed mooring field using screw down type moorings. The City is currently acting on that recommendation. The TAT report can be reviewed on-line at DinnerKey.com.

The City's mooring plans have been developed and are currently under review by DEP for permitting. The mooring plans were engineered by a private consultant, Challenger, and include a total of 325 moorings screw-down type moorings with the majority placed outside of the spoil islands. The moorings will be installed in two phases. The first phase includes the moorings outside of the spoil island and the second phase will include the areas inside the islands. A total of 132 new moorings are slated to replace our current mooring field of 220. In addition, the original plans also called for an upland facility to be placed at our club. This is a subject of strong contention which was pursued at several levels including our Commissioner Office, the Waterfront Advisory Board (WAB) and the DEP. However, recent correspondences with the City indicate that the upland facility and the dingy dock will be relocated to Dinner Key Marina. It is important to recognize that "we don't own the farm – we run it". Therefore, any changes to the mooring plans must originate from the City. The City's Marina Manager, Steve Bogner, is heading up the project and we are attempting to work with him to develop a more agreeable plan for the moorings. The plans can be reviewed on-line at DinnerKey.com.

Several community activists raised a concern that the mooring permit overlaps with the Waterfront Master Plan Project and, therefore, may limit the options available to the planners and the community. Michelle Niemeyer, Chairperson of the Waterfront Working Group who is a strong proponent of public process, brought this issue to a head. Our Commissioner, Johnny Winton, recognized the conflict and committed to not act on the permits until the Master Plan Project is complete. Therefore, the mooring project is not expected to start until late 2006 or 2007 time frame.

During this month, the Board of Directors will be conducting research to gain a better understanding of the deed restrictions and the options available to the Club. In addition, we will continue to work with Steve Bogner and our Commissioner's office to increase the density of the moorings inside the spoil islands. I will report on the progress on those activities next month.

Faithfully Submitted,

Jack Hamm

Commodore

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well it's that time of the year. The balmy heat of summer has past. Hurricane season (not the University of Miami) is over and it's the Holiday Season! Having given thanks last month, we turn to good will, fellowship and gift giving this month.

Coming up with a "Sailor's Wish list" is not difficult:

Fresh winds and cool temperatures are always welcomed (except those northerlies that tear up the Gulf Stream). More time to spend with our friends, family, Club members and the boat. There is always a gadget or "thingamajig" we NEED for the boat (Chart plotter? New spinnaker?). Some people need more basic parts and equipment. (Lines? Boom?). Fair

weather to do that paint or varnish project.

Whatever is on your list, we hope you share the good will of this season with family and friends. The Club will be active, the Orange Bowl will be here and New Years Eve is not far away!!! The Board of Directors THANK you for a great year and hope to see you more often in the next.



Merry Christmas and Happy Sails to You,
Marc Buller, Secretary

Fleet Surgeon

I want to thank all new and old members for making this a very positive year for the sailing club. I look forward to a great CGSC/2005 and wish everyone a HEALTHY and HAPPY holiday and new year.

Dr. Nick Martens



CGSC & Miami Fire Rescue team "FIRE WATER" received Fourth place and a First Place in the Second Annual Chinese Dragon Boat Races.

After 5 races, CGSC/Miami Fire Rescue received two positions.



The team received a trophy for the Fire vs. Police match race.

And fourth place overall. It was an impressive finish as the "FIRE WATER" was within just a few seconds racing against two professional teams and another team.

Races started at 8am Saturday and continued Sunday well into the evening hours. Both days were full of race heats. Overall, the team continuously improved its racing time.

Thank you for everyone's support during this event. We had last minute team 'ringers' participate during both days.

Thank you Claire for making the shirts. Team title FIRE WATER was great!

Thanks to the Miami Fire Rescue for asking CGSC to join in on their FUN.



Vice Commodore Vlad Stroleny looks on as artist Erika King of Coconut Grove presents her Christopher Columbus collage to Cathy Buller who won it at the Columbus Day Regatta Awards Party.

"We Need Opti's!"

If you have a used Opti you would like to sell, please contact Britt Price (305) 444-4571. We have several families interested in buying an Opti, so please call!

ADULT SAILING REPORT

In the past the club has had a program in place to provide solid sailing education to adults. It began with Dick Crisler's beginning sailing class and then progressed to an intermediate class taught by myself in Flying Scots. A key part of this program was to build a small fleet of Flying Scots owned by the club that would be sponsored and used by members.

The overall effect of this program was to provide an obvious and low cost path to enter the world of sailing. You could learn to sail here and then have a boat to sail at a very low cost through our sponsorship program. I intend in the new year to reemphasize these programs. The first part of this initiative is this article. I will follow it with a brochure covering the class and the sailing program and will schedule some classes.

The sponsorship program is very simple. You or a group of partners can sponsor a club Flying Scott. In doing so you are granted full use of the boat to sail anytime it is not being used for a class. The only cost to you is the cost of storing it on the strip and the maintenance costs which are quite low. You must also show proof of liability insurance which is included in most homeowner's policies. Next you get certified to sail the boat. If your skills are basically sound this is usually achieved through a short sail or worst case taking the intermediate class.

The sailing classes are three day affairs with the first day consumed with classroom theory land exercises and capsizing recovery drills. The next two days are all sailing on short courses designed to hone the basic skills. There is an instructor on each boat who gets the boats through the mooring field safely and provides constant feedback on sailing performance.

If you would be interested in assisting with this effort on any level please contact me. You can also call Britt Price. We need sponsors, and in the boat instructors
Bud Price, Past Commodore,
U.S. Sailing Certified Instructor Trainer.

Sailing Instructor Course

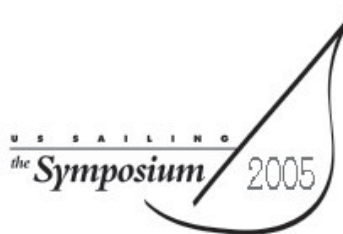
The Coconut Grove Sailing Club is proud to announce that a high-level US Sailing certification course will be held at the Club, just prior to the US Sailing National Sailing Programs Symposium. The "Small Boat Sailing Level 1 Instructor Trainer Course" will be conducted January 9-12. Instructor Trainer courses train professional teachers/sailing instructors in the methods and theories of the US SAILING Instructor Training Program. The course provides Instructor Trainers with the tools, information and candidates are expected to be highly qualified sailing experts with several years teaching experience and hold appropriate current US SAILING instructor certification. These intensive 4-day Instructor Trainer courses include the following: evaluation of communication and interpersonal skills, practical sailing and safety boat skills evaluations, team building techniques, sports techniques, video feedback on teaching styles, lesson/program planning, record-keeping, etc. Instructor trainer courses are available in Small Boat Sailing, Small Boat Racing, Windsurfing, and Basic Keelboat.

As Seen On TV - Nationally!

Our own Richard Crisler was featured in a profile seen on NBC's "Today" show - weekend edition last month. In case you missed it, we happen to have a copy...The producer and crew spent two days interviewing Richard about what he does both with the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and with our neighbors down the street at Castle Harbor. A few recent students even showed up to help "simulate" a real class!

Speaking of real class, please congratulate Richard on this well-deserved profile of his tireless efforts. As a Club we are fortunate to have enjoyed his talents for many years, and hope to retain them for many more to come.

Jim Clark



Help Your Club at the National Sailing Programs Symposium! This national event is coming to Miami this January, and we need YOU! The Symposium is the premier event for sailing education in the United States, bringing together the very best people and resources in instruction, program operation, equipment and more. See: <http://www.ussailing.org/training/nsps/> for details, or write or call Jim Clark - rearcommadore@cgsc.org/786-317-1342.



Youth Sailing

Britt Price, Sailing Director

CGSC Youth Sailing Programs

The existing Club sailing programs continue to grow, and our new partnership with Miami-Dade County is underway.

After-School Programs

St. Stephens We are having a great time with the after school program with St. Stephens. During a class conducted last month, we experienced a very windy day in the harbor. So we decided to have the students practice rigging and de-rigging their sails. Then we built sailboats out of construction paper and straws, and had them launch the "boats" off the main dock to sail down wind. All but 3 boats actually made it across after a while. They had a blast, and took their boats home.

We had our first week of training with Ransom Middle. There were 21 kids on Monday for the rigging and de-rigging drills along with the swim test. We started the capsizing drills this past month. Since we have such a big group, the students are older, and some have sailing experience, we have made them into two groups: Beginning Prams and Intermediates in Sunfish. This should be a very successful year for this program.

MDCPS-Marine Science Academy

We had our first kayaking class with MDCPS last month. We had 10 kids come out and we kayaked all around the islands and explored one of them. These kids were from a special education class. Once they finished the hour-and-a-half kayaking trip, they came back and had lunch. Plans are in place for another kayaking class with the same kids, and for their first Learn to Sail class. Next, we will host the North Miami Senior High students. We are holding 4 kayaks for MDCPS and will be getting the Access Dinghy's hopefully some time this month. Thank you to the Miami-Dade County School Board for accepting the donation of the dinghys - which makes accommodating our disabled participants possible.

Laser Program

Jose Hernandez continues to run a great program, and last month proposed building a new rack to the CGSC Board of Directors. This new rack would not only accommodate our Club rack boats, but would be the new home for our Laser racing team. The CGSC Laser Racing Team will be a yearly fee to keep their boats on the new racks, and will only be available to active racers. This policy is consistent with other Clubs around the Bay.

As always, if you can lend a hand with our Youth or Adult programs, please call/write Britt Price or Jim Clark. We've made great progress this year, and hope to continue in the new year.

Learn to Sail

We have learn to sail classes now every Saturday. The course run for 3 Saturdays in a row and with the strong winds we have had lately, it has been exciting! Each class had the chance to sail out on the Bay under the instruction of Mike Abell. We just started a new session last weekend and will start another session in two weeks. The schedule is as follows:

Level 1 (Beginner)

December 4, 11 & 18th

1:00 – 4:00pm

January 8, 15 & 22nd

9:00-12:00pm

February 5, 12 & 19th

1:00-4:00pm

Level 2 (Intermediate)

December 4, 11, & 18th

9:00am – 12:00pm

January 8, 15 & 22nd

1:00-4:00pm

February 5, 12 & 19

9:00-12:00pm

** Class Schedule is tentative due to weather and class size. Please contact Sailing Director to confirm class dates and times. **

Green Fleet

Our green fleet is doing great! We traveled to the MYC for the Fall Harvest Regatta in October and did amazingly well. Our kids scored in the middle of the pack, Nikki "Pinky" Sacks Place 4th and Alex Bejaramo Place 5th. After that we had Caite Skipp placed 16th, Marco Groenendaal 23, Andres Rivero 26th Jaime Ramon 27th, Saskia Hadaway 31st and Will Williams 37th out of 41 kids. They were coached by Devon Schewdeil A group of 4 kids traveled to the Naples Regatta last month, and the rest of the team remained for regular practice. We are getting ready for the Orange Bowl Regatta later this month.



At right, the Green Fleet made it's debut at the Fall Harvest Regatta at Miami Yacht Club.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Invites you to an open house

HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday evening Dec 3rd

Tree-Trimming * Holiday Treats * Eggnog

And a performance by the Singing Miamians

Miami's finest Barbershop Chorus singing some of your favorite holiday songs and carols!



No admission charge, performance starts at 7:00 PM

In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party being held at the same time. You are encouraged to visit both and meet your friends at the Chamber.

Snapshots from Our Club's History

December 1977:

Commodore was Mark Rubin

Columbus Day Regatta Chair was Bill Young

Channel Editors were four people: Mort Goldweber, Dick Dwyer, Bonnie Owra, and Fay Regan. Fay still races boats out of CGSC, 27 years later!

Buzz Burrows is quoted "has been doing a lot of cruising lately but he says not to tell Shelia." You can see Buzz and Shelia today, 27 years later, still cruising and telling stories to new faces in the membership. Thank you, Buzz and Shelia, for teaching the new sailors an old trick or two. Glad to see you at the Club any day.

Bert and Jackie Whittle on JACQUELINE II just returned from a four month cruise to the Abacos. They specialized in searching out hidden restaurants in all of the islands they visited.

Thanks went to the City of Miami for taking an interest in cleaning up the sunken wrecks which were a hazard to navigation, specifically those in the Dinner Key Marina area. Also, the installation of parking meters was taking place on the "Loop". Imagine those meters are 27 years old!

Charlie Fowler won the Sandy Douglas Cup in Jacksonville in his Flying Scot. Twenty seven years later, Charlie [with wife Nancy] is still racing all over the state of Florida representing CGSC and taking home trophies! Keep up the good work. Glad to hear your racing advice after you win anytime!

Club Member Lt. Commander Stuart Sorg was promoted to Commanding Officer of HCV-2 Ret 708. "HCV-2 Ret 78" was an eighteen man Naval Rescue Diving and Salvage Unit, one of a handful in the country. In reflection of Veteran's Day, "Thank You!" for serving our country.

Ned and Vicki Rosenblum served dinner at the Tuesday Night Social Nite event. They offered mini hamburgers to the hungry crowd. Buzz and Sheila Burrows were also serving on a Tuesday Social Nite. All are still active members to this day, 27 years later. Thank you for showing the new 'crew' the way to do it.

In the History column of the 1977 newsletter reads an article titled "One Hundred Years Ago."

Just a century ago, workmen were finishing Fowey Rocks Light to replace the discontinued light on Cape Florida. Living in shacks set up on Soldier Key, they finished the job in 1878. By the 1890's, their quarters had been turned over to Biscayne Bay yacht Club who was looking into the possibility of building a sponge culture station. As that time there were several houses and large plantations of pineapples and fishing and sponging stations on Elliot Key.

In December 1982:

Vice Commodore (and still very active at the club) was Bill Beavers. Bill is presently the Moorings Chairman, 22 years later.

Newsletter Editor was Doug Rold

Social Committee was "The Triple Threat"

Future Development (and still very active at the club) was John Pistorino. John has had a very influential hand in the new docks that are now installed for the children's programs.

City of Miami finally issued the Permanent Certificate of Occupancy for the new building (present structure) with the assistance of Building Committee Chair Rick Preston. The Club was moving ahead with liquor license for the bar, construction of a race and pram shed beneath the building (presently there). Thank you, Rick!

Article "Boystown Comes to CGSC," featured a community outreach program. Forty boys from Boystown of Florida visited the club to go sailing, and sailing they did. In small craft warnings, there were five boats that took out the boys. A "Thank You" note written in reply quoted, "My sincere gratitude for inviting me sailing on my first sailing experience it was my first sailing and I really enjoyed it. Thank you very much for taking time to invite me..." Twenty-two years later, CGSC is still teaching children free sailing lessons.

Compiled by Cathy Buller, Community Outreach Chair

Support the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation with your United Way Contribution

The Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation was founded by a group of club members with the purpose of supporting sailing programs on Biscayne Bay. If you make an annual United Way donation, you may wish to designate it on behalf of the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation.

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Jack Hamm

CHANNEL REPORTS

Standing committees are expected to send a monthly report for the Channel. If you do not have a report, please notify the editor on or before the 15th of the month with that information so that deadlines are not held waiting for your report.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cherie Branning, Channel Editor

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Entertainment Committee

By all reports, The Shipwreck Party on Oct 30th was a great success. We had over 100 partygoers who dined, danced and got rambunctious on the Sailing Club lawn amidst tiki torches and a light balmy breeze out of the east. We definitely lucked out on the weather! It couldn't have been more perfect.

The evening started out with a fine dinner of roast pig, salad, potatoes and other fine cuisine from our able cooks. A free keg of beer was on hand downstairs while Hector mixed up a fine rum punch to get things in an island mood. The decorations were fabulous. Many people commented on those real-looking fake campfires. And the tables looked as if a hurricane just blew through and deposited palm fronds, shells, sand and other debris all over them. The photo booth included a tattered windsurfer and palm trees. For a \$5 donation to the Freedom Alliance, partygoers could get their picture taken in the booth. We actually raised \$500 for this great cause that provides scholarships for children of soldiers who have fallen in Iraq.

The Outriggers were outstanding as they played everybody's favorite island music. And the Limbo contest was a hoot! Many people got into the theme of the party by dressing up as their favorite Gilligan's Island character, pirates and other shipwrecked personalities. Thurston Howell III and his lovely wife were there, along with 3 Gingers, a MaryAnn and even Gilligan.

I would like to publicly thank Jaime and Chiquita Ramon for taking charge of building fire pits and roasting those two pigs to perfection. Many people assisted them and also in

setting up and decorating. They were Tom Malone, Cathy and Marc Buller, Laura Carnes, Krisan Lamberti, Jack and Claire Hamm, and manager Scott and staff. My apologies to anyone I may have left out.

The next party is the Holiday Open House on Friday evening, Dec 3. We will have a bare Christmas tree there for all to help decorate, some holiday treats, eggnog and music. Last month I mentioned that we were going to get a barbershop quartet to perform. Instead, I managed to get my entire barbershop chorus, The Miamians, to entertain everyone with 4-part acappella harmony. You don't want to miss this free performance. The party is being held at the same time as the Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce's holiday party. So it would be cool for folks to hop back and forth and mingle with chamber members and visa versa. The chorus will sing at 7 PM and then walk up to sing for the Chamber party. So come on down and bring in the holiday season at the Club. And remember to "Keep your Sunnyside Up" (We may even sing that song for you)

Dominic Lamberti
Entertainment Co-Chairman



The Ramon's and Hamm's are shown at the pit build for the pig roast at CGSC.

Marine Council Report Oct/Nov

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all of the members of CGSC. I hope that you and your families have a safe and wonderful holiday season. My report this month has great news for the boating interests of South Florida. The dredging project on the Miami River was begun this month. Work has started beginning at the western end of the river and will proceed eastward and be completed in the next 2 years. This will not only deepen the river channel from bank to bank, but it will also clean up the river and its shores. This is very important not only for shipping interests but for those that call the river area their home. This project has the cooperation and funding of the federal, state, county and city governments. Also in the news, Merrill-Stevens Drydock has been sold to a local businessman from our area. The new owner has stated that the yard will remain on site and improvements will be made to the north yard. Welcome news to us all. We certainly don't want another condo to replace a boatyard on the river. Happy Holidays.

Capt. Rick Rahm

Race Committee

The CGSC Annual Regattas for One-Design and Cruising classes were conducted during the last half of October, and were highly successful. We had good turnouts for both fleets and excellent conditions with some exciting racing. This is written just before the Southeast Florida PHRF Championship regatta, Nov. 20-21, which CGSC is hosting, and we anticipate another excellent turnout. We hope to put on some excellent races.



Looking forward, we have the CGSC Orange Bowl Regatta, December 27-30 for Lightnings, Lasers, Laser Masters, and Laser Radials. Art Auwaerter is Regatta Chairman, and is planning an excellent regatta.



Public Relations Committee

The PR committee has been asked to provide an update on what we have been doing. Well I'll tell you. We have provided graphics, designed magazine ads, created brochures and generally have been attentive to all committees which request in house PR support.

We are presently working on a system to get out messages more efficiently and designing a Wall of Fame to showcase our club as it has never been done before. Also we are working with the Rear Commodore on ways to promote the sailing programs, our life blood. You can not help but be excited about the future of our sailing programs. We have been in the business of teaching for 60 years and it is about time we get some recognition.

In light of recent events concerning our lease my own personnel thoughts: I would like to remind my fellow members that the challenge to preserve our club to overcome the view that it is viably severable from its present location its leasehold interest is a cause worthy of all our efforts NOW, not a future contingency to be faced once the dismemberment has become a done deal. I believe society is better served by groups such as our club who rely on volunteerism vs. interested cliques, whether private or public. We owe a great debt to those who started and built this volunteer organization. It is up to us to pass it along in tact to all those who will sail in our wake.

Happy Holidays to All.
Mike Lovelady

We have been very pleased with the response to our "Join the Race Committee Team" initiative on the Regattas and Clinics webpage of the CGSC website. We have several new Race Committee volunteers, and are integrating them into our cadre of excellent Race Committee personnel.



*Pictures from
CGSC Annual
Cruising Regatta.*



Rendezvous Committee Report

As we begin the holiday season we should all take a moment to be thankful for the fellowship we share and the safe anchorage we have at the sailing club. As fairly new members of the club we are grateful for the guidance we have received from long time members (especially during the hurricane season) and a sense of belonging every time we pass through the club gate. This past month Effortless made the trip up the river for a "solo rendezvous" at Hurricane Cove for some major repairs (new prop, shaft, through-hulls) and bottom paint. Boats take on an entirely different prospective once they are out of the water. We neighbored with a 1938 John Alden, "Mandalay" from the Miami Yacht Club and a steel hulled schooner "Gypsy Rover" who was just leaving on a truck to Alaska to begin her new life as charter boat. During our stay on the hard, I had the opportunity to learn, first hand, step by step the proper way to prepare and paint a boat bottom. Bob Barnett, a long time CGSC member was my excellent teacher. He provided me with unlimited time, tools, expertise a key to his shop and at the very end an unexpected sunset happy hour while we waited for the bridges to open so that we could bring Effortless home. I'm truly indebted to him and look forward to buying him a drink at the Grove's Nest.

Upcoming rendezvous' include the Benateau Dockside Rendezvous on Friday, December 3. Music and refreshments will be provided and special guests from the Florida Benateau Club have been invited. Please stop by.

December 11th is our rendezvous to Marine Stadium for a raft up of shared hors d'oeuvres and then a dingy trip to shore for dinner at the Bayside Pub. Spend the night or head back for a night-time cruise back to the club. Contact Janice at 305-441-2733 or jbpmm@aol.com for more information.

January's dockside rendezvous will feature Tartan's and other popular cruisers and a sail or drive to the Miami Yacht Club for dinner and a night on the water. Watch the web for dates of upcoming events.

Janice and Alyn Pruett

Community Outreach

The past month has been a busy one for CGSC Volunteers that signed up for volunteer events the Club has participated in. The first event was Miami Dragon Boat Races at the Mandarin Hotel on Brickell Key. October 30 and 31 was the 2nd Annual Miami Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival. Dragon boat racing descended from ancient Chinese folklore, and is the fastest growing outdoor sport in the world. It combines tradition with modern day teamwork, enthusiasm, and strategy. The Miami Dragon Boat race features International Dragon Boat Federation Dragon Boats measuring 45ft in length, 4ft in width, and carry 20 paddlers, 1 drummer, and 1 steersperson. Teams will race down a 250 to 500 meter waterway. CGSC paddlers united with the Miami Fire Rescue paddlers to create a 20 person team titled "Fire Water". And we won a trophy! "Fire Water" beat the "Miami Police" three times to win the match race trophy. The team consistently improved race times after 5 races and ended up in the finals to race against three professional teams, and finished impressively close with them. This racing and the festival raised money for charity. Portions of the proceeds from the Miami Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival will go towards YMCA, Communications Integration – Recycling, Computers for Underprivileged Kids, Miami Overseas Chinese Association, and to Breast Cancer Research. For more information, visit website www.miamidragon.com.

Also on the list of November events was the volunteer Hands One Miami event. Hands On Miami is a non-profit community service organization collectively logging 56,000 hours of community work to improve Miami living, working, and playing areas per year. Hands On Miami organizes more than 80 volunteer opportunities each month, and CGSC was there on November 6. The 10th annual HOM Weekend event took place in several city sites, including the shoal islands in front of the CGSC, Dinner Key Marina, and City Hall. The islands were cleaned by numerous HOM Volunteers eager to clean collected storm waste. CGSC donated time, boats, and Volunteers to assist in this very influential program. For the day, CGSC transported HOM Volunteers to and from Dinner Key Marina shorelines to the islands with their cleaning equipment. Also, CGSC volunteer boats removed nearly 70 bags of waste from one of the three islands. And what a difference it made! CGSC is very fortunate to be included in the HOM event and look forward to participating next year. If you can't wait to Volunteer, please contact me at the closing email address and we will organize another CGSC Volunteer Team for a January event. For further information, please visit www.handsonmiami.org.

And finally! Introducing the CGSC Marine Science Academy. CGSC in collaboration with Miami Dade Public Schools present "The Marine Science Academy". It is a new program hosted by the CGSC offering a new, creative learning environment to the Miami Dade County Public School students. This is a program to introduce careers, studies,

and environmental awareness to prepare students to the many fields in and around the marine environment. Such examples include and are not limited to boat captains, marine biologists, underwater archaeologists, and cruise ship managers. Students will benefit from the extraordinary learning environment with more personalized education integrated into academic, career, and technical educations. And this is targeted to ALL students within the Miami Dade Public School system. Perhaps you have a marine related profession or talent you would like to share as a speaker to these students enrolled in the program. Contact me at the closing email address and we can get you prepared to share your experiences with students eager to learn their new marine classroom on the waters edge at CGSC.

Whew! And perhaps you thought there wasn't any volunteer activities going on at CGSC? Get involved and volunteer for these and many programs coming around the corner in 2005. Make a New Year's Resolution to give back to your community as a CGSC Volunteer. Community volunteer support benefits everyone. Remember those throughout the year that can use a helping hand, too. Thank you for supporting the Community Outreach events and I look forward to hearing from new volunteers in the New Year. Have a safe and festive holiday season.

To participate on the CGSC Volunteer Team, contact me at outreachchair@cgsc.org. Thank you again for supporting the Community Outreach programs.

Cathy Buller, Chair

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MY SEAPRIZE - 28 CALIBER 1986. Underwent refitting over past 3yrs; replaced running rigging, mainsheet hardware, new electronics ST60 tridata, wind and autopilot, GPS, new mainsail and 130% genoa, lazy jacks with sail cover, bimini, cockpit cushions, new bottom 2004; \$21K or best offer, Call Bob Hirsch 954 965 5548.

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Deadline: All Ads, articles and pictures for The Channel must be received by the 15th of the month. Please send articles and ads as a Word document and pictures as jpeg attachments to cebranning@ or drop off at the Club office, attention Cherie Branning, Editor.

CGSC is in need of adult Coast Guard approved life jackets. If you have one that you are no longer using and could donate it, we would put it to good use.

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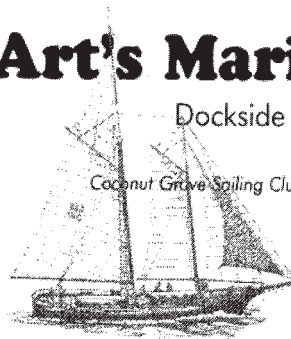
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Continuation of He Said, She Said

A Cruise from Houston to Miami - "When are we gonna get there?"

HE: "Who wants pizza?!" the crew heard from below. Captain is making grog and pizza to keep the crew calm on day five at sunset.

SHE: Admiral and Swab 2 are on deck staring at each other: "PIZZA?! How does the Coast Guard deliver pizza? The Captain was losing it." Delusions. Paranoia. Schizophrenia. Diagnosis 'Captain Bligh'. And still 4 days from Key West. Swab 2 and Admiral fought over pizza and grog, knowing another 50 knot wind storm was hours away. And we are staring at the last jerry can of fuel on deck. And the last bit of grog. Let the best crew member win! "Walk the plank you bilge rat!" (It was great pizza, baked at sea.)

HE: Day nine. 0800 hours. Last jerry can of fuel has been put into the tank, after surviving our seventh night of 50 knot winds. Now there is 5 knots with the engine sputtering to an end with the last drop of fuel sucked like a baby on a bottle. We are sailing at 1 knot due south to Cuba. Captain proclaims "We made it to Key West!"

SHE: With a salted face and empty mug of grog, "HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT CAPTAIN!?!?"

He: "Because when we left, we had just enough fuel to get us to Key West, and WE ARE OUT OF FUEL!"

SHE: The tow boat membership was paid up before we left. They brought us a jerry can of fuel to make the Northwest Channel entrance, finally into A&B Marina, Key West. The

trip took 9 days, 15 minutes total. The float plan was 10 days allowance before friends would call Coast Guard to look for our souls floating to sea. I was feeling kin to Columbus and his crew until Tow Boat popped on the horizon, zooming toward us. Was he bringing pizza? Or Grog??

HE: "Ah, Key West." Admiral and Swab 2 took shore leave to shake the salt off. Captain granted one day of leave to rest the bones and mind.

SHE: Swab 2 flew home to responsibilities, with sea bag in hand full of stories of three days liberty on Duval Street. The crew went AWOL! "Where is the Captain going to take the boat without Admiral!?"

HE: When Admiral returned, I bellowed from the Quarter Deck, "Floggings to continue until moral improves or we get underway to Miami!"

SHE: We continued the voyage, just Captain and Admiral. For 27 hours, we transited Hawks Channel and we arrived safely at CGSC: home port to the OTRO CUBA LIBRE.

PS. We are often asked the boat name origination, OTRO CUBA LIBRE. It's named after the grog drink that Crew and Captain alike enjoy while in their favorite port. First boat, "CUBA LIBRE", was the first round of grog; "OTRO" [another] is the second round of grog.

Captain Marc and Admiral Cathy Buller